

St. Lawrence Players

presents

Bedroom Farce

11th, 12th & 13th October 2012

St Lawrence Church Hall
Bridle Road, Eastcote

A comedy
By Alan Ayckbourn



Souvenir Programme: 50p

A Note from the Chair

Autumn is here and memories of summer drift away like the leaves from the trees, but what a year is has been so far!

Since 'Before the Party', our February production, we joined in the celebrations of 200 years of Charles Dickens. Our May production was based on a tribute to Dickens and Victorian entertainment. We had fun getting the show on the road and called it 'A Dickens of a Night'. A lot of people worked hard to achieve the final results. We had a very positive response and all three evenings were declared a success.



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics were highlights of 2012 and events then Players could not let pass by without recognition. A social event named 'Diamond Olympics' took place in June. We combined the two celebrations into one with our own crazy version of outdoor Olympic Games, followed by a procession led by a "genuine" torch bearer, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Indoor fun continued with a street party style feast, quiz, awards, drama and a good old fashioned sing-song.

Our charity this year, Heartline, comes to a close after this production. All monies made from this production's raffle will be added to our total to make a grand total. Next week a new charity will be elected. The good news is that, so far, we have raised over £650 for Heartline. A cheque will be handed over to a representative at our Christmas Celebration Evening in December.

Back to October and tonight's performance of 'Bedroom Farce'. The set has proved to be a challenge, representing three separate bedrooms on one small stage, so please free your imagination and join the hectic comings and goings as the action flows back and forth from one room to another. Enjoy!

Sue Worker
(Chairperson)

The Director



Bedroom Farce is one of Alan Ayckbourn's earlier and lighter comedies. I hope you have as much fun watching the play as I have had directing it.

When it was suggested we stage Bedroom Farce I knew that choosing a play with three double beds on stage was going to be a challenge. But Players are not easily fazed and I think you will agree that the resulting set is pretty impressive.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all the members of Players who have worked so hard to construct and dress the set and to take part in such an enjoyable production. A special thanks to Geoff Higgs for the impressive lighting for this play, which has been quite a challenge. Also, many thanks to Sue Worker, who has gone the extra mile to ensure the success of this production.

Having asked the cast to recount their bedroom anecdotes, here is mine: Many years ago, while on a touring holiday in France, we were late finding somewhere to sleep for the night. Eventually we found a small hotel seemingly in the middle of nowhere. All night the place was haunted by very strange and occasionally scary noises. At breakfast we found out why – we were next door to a zoo!

Enjoy the evening.

Valerie Clarke

St. Lawrence Players

Present their 196th Production

BEDROOM FARCE

A COMEDY

By Alan Ayckbourn

(An amateur production in association with Samuel French Ltd)

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Delia	-	Dorothy
		Bentote
Ernest	-	Malcolm
		Bentote
Nick	-	Duncan Sykes
Jan	-	Angela Charles
Malcolm	-	Mark Kimsey
Kate	-	Sue Worker
Trevor	-	David Bowers
Susannah	-	Emma Kimsey

The entire action takes place in three bedrooms in 1975.

Act I

Saturday evening 7pm

Act II

A few minutes later

There will be a twenty minute interval between Acts I and II.
Coffee, tea and wine will be available during the interval.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director / Producer	Valerie Clarke
Stage Managers	Tag & Rick Dunham
Prompt	Ann Taggart
Set Design & Construction	Players
Lighting & Sound	Geoff Higgs
Properties	Barbara Higgs & Barbara Williams
Programme Design	Ritchard Tysoe

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Front of House Manager	Estelle Dunham
Box Office	Ann Sykes
Front of House	Players & Friends

THE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Sue Worker
Secretary	Emma Kimsey
Treasurer	Brian Beeston
Membership Secretary	Ann Taggart
Members	Alison Marshall & Estelle Dunham

The audience is reminded that smoking is not allowed in the building.

The use of flashlight photography during a performance can distract those on stage and we would therefore ask that members of the audience refrain from this practice.

The audience is also reminded that the use of any electronic recording device is forbidden under the terms of our licence to perform the play.

May we remind you to please switch off any mobile phones during the performance.

The next St. Lawrence Players production will be on

7th, 8th & 9th February 2013

The Cast

Dorothy Bentote – Delia



My worst bedtime experience occurred in a couchette compartment from Munich to Brussels. It was a hot August night and also in the carriage were a party of elderly Eastern European ladies. I opened the window and after a few minutes one of them closed it. I opened it, they closed it... This went on for most of the night until, as dawn broke, they got up and ate breakfast – garlic sausages!!

Malcolm Bentote – Ernest



They asked me to write a few lines about a bed or beds. I was not inspired! Then I thought there is one of my lines in ‘Bedroom Farce’ that I don’t understand. Perhaps the audience can help. It comes half way through Act 1. I have searched the web without success. Listen out for it! As I am getting into bed I say “Ah! Woof! Down you go!” I would like to know: Has anyone heard this expression before? Where does it come from and what does it mean?

Duncan Sykes – Nick



I once went skiing, and the configuration of rooms meant that I had to share a bed with a fellow member of Players. Krakatoa was a soft purring compared with the devastating eruption of snoring emitted by my friend and a difficult personal night ensued. Awakening in the morning and ready to make the case for the prosecution, the boy Tysoe, for it was he, turned to me and bemoaned “you are the loudest snorer I have ever heard”. Oh yes, pity the poor neighbours....

Angela Charles – Jan



On holiday in Crete one year we stayed in a very remote traditional Cretan house, the bed was the size of a postage stamp and after my husband fell out one night, we spent the rest of the two weeks holding onto the headboard. The bed I share with Nick in the play is a treat!

Mark Kimsey – Malcolm



There is nothing like sleeping in an “apple pie” bed
Fresh linen and soft pillows upon to rest your head
Dreaming of the future, reflecting on the past
Together with a partner whose love will always last
Snuggling down and cuddling, getting nice and cosy
My bed is just the perfect place, for getting kinda dozy

Sue Worker - Kate



When play is done, farewells are said
My favourite place is in my bed
All thoughts of lines and stage direction
The endless struggle to reach perfection
Just float away in dreamless sleep
All warm and cosy, I snuggle down deep

Dave Bowers - Trevor



You spend a third of your life in bed, odds on you were conceived there too, probably born in one, and if all goes to plan you will meet your maker from one!! Thank God for beds.

Emma Kimsey – Susannah



For me, there is nothing better than waking up in a bed on holiday. The feeling of excitement when you are away from the pressures of everyday life. Lazing in that bed without guilt due to the jobs that need to be done. Waking up in a world full of new adventures.

A warm welcome awaits you at
St Lawrence Church

On Sundays:

8:00am

**Eucharist
(Holy Communion)**

10:00am

Parish Eucharist

Also on Sundays at

10.00am:

Sunday School

for 5-12 year olds

Crèche

for under 5s

TotZone

a quiet play area in Church

Tots Club

on 1st Sunday of month

from 9.45am

for under 5's and
their parents/carers

**During the week
Holy Eucharist:**

Wednesday 7:30pm

Thursday 10:30am

Saturday 9:00am

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and activities at St Lawrence, please visit:

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PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS – THE LAST 20 YEARS

- 2012 * Before the Party * A Dickens' of a Night *
- 2011 * Crippled Harlequin * Something Different? * Mystery at Greenfingers *
- 2010 * Curtain Up On Murder * Out Of Focus * Cranford *
- 2009 * Deckchairs 1 * Anybody for Murder? * Jane Eyre *
- 2008 * Din Dins * London Suite * Seventy Five Glorious Years *
- 2007 * Proscenophobia * Day of Reckoning * Hidden Truths *
- 2006 * After September * Breath of Spring * Just Between Ourselves *
- 2005 * Murder by Misadventure * Pack of Lies * Plaza Suite *
- 2004 * Hobson's Choice * Confusions * The Dancing Years *
- 2003 * Happy Families * The Odd Couple * Time and Time Again *
- 2002 * Season's Greetings * Rebecca * Run For Your Wife *
- 2001 * Alarms and Excursions * It Runs in the Family * Murdered to Death *
- 2000 * Cinderella * The Day After The Fair *
- 1999 * Steel Magnolias * I'll Get My Man * The God Who Comes *
- 1998 * The Wizard Of Oz * The Forsyte Saga * Man Alive *
- 1997 * Song Style & Supper * When We Are Married * Wild Goose Chase *
- 1996 * Aladdin * Play On! * Absent Friends *
- 1995 * Carousel * Party Piece * Blithe Spirit *
- 1994 * Sweeny Todd * The Anniversary *
- 1993 * Pickwick * Darling I'm Home! * Sixty Glorious Years *
- 1992 * Dick Whittington * Table Manners * Lord Arthur Savile's Crime *